

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, for over half a century, beginning with the National School Lunch Program in 1946, the nation has steadily built an array of nutrition assistance programs to build a healthier generation of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, during the school year, more than 73,000 Vermont students receive meals through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, when schools let out, children lose access to these healthy meals; and

**WHEREAS**, children need good nutrition all year long, and since 1975, the Summer Food Service Program has alleviated this burden by nourishing children and teens while school is out; and

**WHEREAS**, the Summer Food Service Program provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to youth 18 years of age and younger throughout the summer when school is out; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, we give thanks to the sponsors, site operators, volunteers, parents and communities that provide access to a healthy meal in a safe, supervised environment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to ensure that every child in the State of Vermont has access to nutritious meals during the summer as well as during the school year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 2016 as



**SUMMER MEALS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 6th day of June, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor